

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph 24 beginning at page 8 and continuing to page 9 to read as follows:

[0024] The housing 28 of the fluid end includes an access port, defined by the bore 14, for each chamber 30 to facilitate maintenance actions on the fluid end 20. Specifically, the access port is located near the one-way valves 44, 48 so that maintenance personnel can reach the valves to replace worn components. The access port bore 14 includes a threaded, outer portion 74 and a smooth (non-threaded), inner portion 76, as shown in Fig. 5. In the embodiment shown in the drawings, the outer portion 74 is axially aligned with the inner portion 76 and has a somewhat larger diameter. The inner and outer portions, as can be seen, are formed from a single unitary portion of the housing 28. A shoulder 78 is formed in the bore 14 (Fig. 5) at the transition between the outer portion and the inner portion. The closure 12 comprises a plug member having a size and cylindrical shape corresponding with the inner portion 76 of the bore 14 for being received in the inner portion to an installed position for closing the pump chamber 30. The closure 12 is at times referred to by those skilled in the art as a “suction valve cover.” A circumferential seal 82 is received in a groove around the closure 12 for sealing engagement against the surface of the inner portion 76 of the bore to prevent leakage of fluid through the access port when the closure is at its installed position. The closure 12 has an outer face 84 having a threaded hole 86 in its center which extends into the closure but does not extend completely through the closure. An annular ridge or flange 88 extending around the closure 12 is adapted to contact the shoulder 78 of the bore when the closure is at its installed position as shown in Fig. 5.

Please amend paragraph 24 beginning at page 9 and continuing to page 10 to read as follows:

[0026] A locking device designated generally at 96 is provided for preventing inadvertent rotation of the cover 90. The locking device 96 comprises a fastener 98 which is secured to the cover 90 so that it rotates along with the cover, and which is received in the threaded hole 86 of

the outer face 84 of the closure. In one embodiment, the fastener 98 is aligned with the central axis A when secured to the cover. The fastener 98 illustrated in Figs. 5 and 7 comprises a bolt having external threads 100 interengageable with threads of the hole 86. For securing the fastener 98 to the cover 90, the locking device 96 further comprises a locking member 102 receivable in the central opening 94 of the cover. In one embodiment (Fig. 6), the locking member 102 is in the form of a nut having a polygonal (e.g., hexagonal) outer surface for nesting engagement with the internal wall of the cover 90 and a clearance bore 104 for receiving the bolt 98 having a circular inner surface. Thus, when the locking member is in nested engagement with the cover, the locking member and cover cannot be rotated in opposite directions at the same time. The bolt 98 is inserted through the bore 104 of the nut and threaded into the hole 86 of the closure 12. The bolt 98 is tightened to a suitable torque such that the head of the bolt applies substantial force against the nut 102 and, consequently, the bolt 98 and nut 102 are firmly secured together and rotate together with the cover 90. The locking device 96 is compatible with existing pump equipment. Although the locking device of the illustrated embodiment has two parts, it is understood that the locking device may have more or fewer parts without departing from the scope of this invention.